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**Via ECFS**

Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Fiber-to-the-Home Council (FTTH Council) *Ex Parte* Filing in the following proceedings –**  
**GN Docket No. 09-51, National Broadband Plan for Our Future**  
**GN Docket No. 09-137, Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as Amended by the Broadband Data Improvement Act**  
**CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service**  
**CC Docket No. 02-6, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism**  
**WC Docket No. 02-60, Rural Health Care Support Mechanism**  
**WC Docket No. 05-337, High-Cost Universal Service Support**  
**WC Docket No. 10-90, Connect America Fund**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 17, 2013, Heather Gold (FTTH Council) and the undersigned, Thomas Cohen (Kelley Drye & Warren LLP), met with Priscilla Delgado Argeris, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel, to discuss a rulemaking petition the Council is considering submitting to the Commission. Ms. Gold explained that the Council supports Chairman Genachowski's Gigabit City Challenge and Commissioner Rosenworcel's E-rate 2.0 proposal. The Council believes the Commission has a substantial opportunity to build upon these efforts to accelerate the deployment of ultra high-speed networks, which are so essential to our nation's future. Accordingly, to drive innovation, economic development, job growth, and digital literacy, the Council is developing a proposal whereby it would ask the Commission to establish a limited program for service providers to

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build and operate gigabit networks for use by libraries and educational, health care, and other community anchor institutions and their associated communities. These entities have demonstrated that they are most in need of ultra high-speed broadband, and deployments to them will act as a market catalyst, especially allowing application developers to create next-generation services that will require the enormous capabilities of these networks.

The Council intends to continue to inform the Commission about the development of this proposal. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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